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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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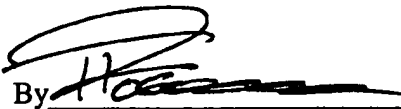
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